

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 Claim 1. A bingo card comprising:

2 a) a plurality of numbered spaces formed as a matrix having
3 seven rows and seven columns;

4 b) a first indicia designating a portion of the matrix
5 comprising five contiguous rows and five contiguous columns whereby
6 a five-by-five bingo game can be played thereon; and

7 c) a second indicia designating a portion of the matrix
8 comprising two contiguous rows and two contiguous columns whereby,
9 when combined with the first indicia, a seven-by-seven bingo game
10 can be played thereon.

1 Claim 2. A bingo apparatus comprising:

2 a) a bingo card having:

3 1) a plurality of numbered spaces formed as a matrix
4 having seven rows and seven columns;

5 2) a first indicia designating a portion of the matrix
6 comprising five contiguous rows and five contiguous columns whereby
7 a five-by-five bingo game can be played thereon; and

8 3) a second indicia designating a portion of the matrix
9 comprising two contiguous rows and two contiguous columns whereby,
10 when combined with the first indicia, a seven-by-seven bingo game
11 can be played thereon;

12 b) a plurality of bingo balls.

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1 Claim 3. The bingo apparatus of Claim 2 in which the plurality of
2 bingo balls comprises more than seventy-five bingo balls.

1 Claim 4. The bingo apparatus of Claim 3 in which a first portion
2 of the bingo balls are marked with a first indicia, a second
3 portion of the bingo balls are marked with a second indicia and a
4 third portion of the bingo balls are marked with a third indicia.

1 Claim 5. The bingo apparatus of Claim 4 in which the first indicia
2 is a first color, the second indicia is a second color and the
3 third indicia is a stripe.

1 Claim 6. The bingo apparatus of Claim 2 in which a first portion
2 of the bingo balls are marked with a first indicia, a second
3 portion of the bingo balls are marked with a second indicia and a
4 third portion of the bingo balls are marked with a third indicia.

1 Claim 7. The bingo apparatus of Claim 6 in which the first indicia
2 is a first color, the second indicia is a second color and the
3 third indicia is a stripe.

1 Claim 8. A bingo apparatus comprising:

2 a) a bingo card having a plurality of numbered spaces formed
3 as a matrix having five rows and five columns;

4 b) a plurality of bingo balls in which a first portion of the
5 bingo balls are marked with a first indicia, a second portion of
6 the bingo balls are marked with a second indicia and a third
7 portion of the bingo balls are marked with a third indicia.

1 Claim 9. The bingo apparatus of Claim 8 in which the first indicia
2 is a first color, the second indicia is a second color and the
3 third indicia is a stripe.

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Claim 10. The method of playing a game of bingo comprising:

2 a) providing a player with a bingo card comprising:

3 1) a plurality of numbered spaces formed as a matrix having
4 seven rows and seven columns;

5 2) a first indicia designating a portion of the matrix
6 comprising five contiguous rows and five contiguous columns whereby
7 a five-by-five bingo game can be played thereon; and

8 3) a second indicia designating a portion of the matrix
9 comprising two contiguous rows and two contiguous columns whereby,
10 when combined with the first indicia, a seven-by-seven bingo game
11 can be played thereon;

12 b) providing a plurality of bingo balls each having individu-
13 al numbers corresponding to the numbered spaces on the bingo card;

14 c) a player making a first wager to be eligible for the five-

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15 by-five bingo game and a second wager to be eligible for the seven-
16 by-seven bingo game,

17 d) randomly selecting consecutive bingo balls;

18 e) awarding a first preselected amount when the player
19 achieves a predetermined winning combination on the five-by-five
20 matrix of the bingo card; and

21 f) awarding a second preselected amount when the player
22 achieves a predetermined winning combination on the seven-by-seven
23 matrix of the bingo card.

1 Claim 11. The method of Claim 10 further comprising:

2 a) a player making a third wager to be eligible for a
3 progressive jackpot;

4 b) designating a portion of the third wager to a separate
5 progressive jackpot pool; and

6 c) awarding the progressive jackpot pool to the player when
7 he achieves a predetermined winning combination on the bingo card.

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1 Claim 12. The method of playing a game of bingo comprising:

2 a) providing a player with a bingo card having a plurality of
3 numbered spaces formed as a matrix having five rows and five
4 columns;

5 b) providing a plurality of bingo balls each having individu-
6 al numbers corresponding to the numbered spaces on the bingo card;

7 c) a player making a first wager to be eligible for the five-
8 by-five bingo game,

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9. d) a player making a second wager to be eligible for a
10 progressive jackpot;
11 e) randomly selecting consecutive bingo balls;
12 f) awarding a first preselected amount when the player
13 achieves a predetermined winning combination on the five-by-five
14 matrix of the bingo card; and
15 g) designating a portion of the third wager to a separate
16 progressive jackpot pool; and
17 h) awarding the progressive jackpot pool to the player when
18 he achieves a predetermined winning combination on the bingo card.

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